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CAMPAIGN '92: HARDLINERS AND GOV. WILSON SET FOR MAJOR BATTLES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

Editor's note: Here is another update on some key GOP and Demo primary races, with emphasis this week on SAN DIEGO COUNTY...

● 75th, 76th, 77th & 78th A.D.s - All four of these GOP Assembly primaries share one thing in common: in each primary there is a candidate backed by HARDLINE/RELIGIOUS RIGHT forces and a second candidate backed by those loyal to Gov. Pete Wilson. CALPEEK has been writing about this confrontation between Wilson and the hardliners for months, but nowhere are the battlelines so obvious than in Wilson's home county...

...In 1990, while Wilson had no opposition in the primary, hardline conservatives pulled off one of the better ambushes of all time, winning a working majority to take control of the San Diego Co. Republican Central Committee. That coup paid off on Apr. 25 at the SDCCC GOP convention when hardline candidates won STRAW POLL balloting for every office on the June ballot. To give an indication of how strong the religious right/hardliners are in San Diego, even Pres. George Bush had a close call with Pat Buchanan, winning by a margin of 255 to 224 --- just 31 votes...

...But it's the STATE ASSEMBLY that hardliners have their eyes on. Their goal is to wipe out 4 PRO-Choice Republicans who are backed by Wilson. In the 75th A.D., it's Connie Youngkin, head of San Diego's Operation Rescue, against Poway Mayor Jan Goldsmith. When Goldsmith spoke at the central committee convention, he was booed when he called for unity and the so-called "big tent" approach to GOP politics. The Goldsmith campaign is managed by McNally-Temple. CALPEEK gives an edge to Youngkin, UNLESS Goldsmith's team puts together a solid GOTV and absentee program. And rem-

ember, Youngkin has run in the area for the assembly once before, so she's known...

...In the 77th A.D., the confrontation is between former Chula Vista Mayor Greg Cox and hardliner Steve Baldwin of El Cajon. Baldwin, a political consultant, is running his own show, while Cox has hired consultants John Kern and Jim Nygren (for mail). Of the four assembly battles, hardliners and the religious right would REALLY like to win here and in the 75th. Baldwin too ran for the assembly once before - against Demo Assemblyman Steve Peace, who trounced him in 1988. CALPEEK rates this primary as a toss up. Again, the key to a Cox win is the GOTV program...

...In the 78th A.D., it's former GOP Assemblyman Jeff Marston vs. hardliner Dan Van Tieghem. Van Tieghem was a registered Demo until 2 years ago and is the executive director of the Christian Coalition of Calif. Consultant Byron Wear is managing Van Tieghem's effort, while Steve Presson is aiding Marston. Interestingly, in the straw vote, Marston came closer than other moderates to winning. He got 254 votes to Van Tieghem's 262. The winner will face Demo Assemblywoman Dede Alpert. CALPEEK rates Marston as a slight favorite...

...And in the 76th A.D., it's former Del Mar Mayor Ronnie Delaney vs. conservative Dick Daleke. Daleke is not part of the hardliner group, but is being supported by them because they can't stand Delaney. Daleke's primary is run by Russo-Marsh, while Delaney has retired Dresner-Sykes. The winner here will face Demo Assemblyman Mike Gotch. CALPEEK rates this GOP primary as a toss up...

- 49th C.D. - This OPEN congressional

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district is one of the more interesting primaries on BOTH sides. The C.D. leans GOP, with a 46.35% Republican registration (vs. 39.76% Demo), but polling has shown there is a strong PRO-Choice feeling among these San Diego voters. There are 5 Demos, but the ones to watch are two former Brown Admin. types -- legal affairs secretary Byron Georgiou (who ran against former Congressman Jim Bates in 1990), and Lynn Schenk, a port commissioner who is well connected in San Diego politics. Consultant Larry Remer is handling Georgiou, while Roger Lee is running Schenk's campaign. Slight edge to Schenk, but it may be very close...

...On the GOP side there are 10 candidates, and many of them are considered serious contenders. Businessman Ray Saatjian, a cousin to former Gov. George Deukmejian's wife, and Dave Pierce are the most conservative in this field, with Pierce being the favorite of the hardliners. Among the more traditional Republicans are Alan Uke, Dr. Ron Hecker, John Weil, Bob Tatum and Judy Jarvis. All of these candidates are PRO-Choice. Tatum, Hecker and Uke are the ones with the bucks, but keep your eyes on Jarvis (the only woman) and Weil, who is U.S. Rep. Ron Packard's former COS. CALPEEK rates this primary a toss up. FYI: also in the GOP field is former Councilman Bill Mitchell. You remember him. He's the guy who opposed San Diego using the 911 emergency number because there's no "11" on the phone...

- 50th C.D. - This San Diego C.D. has a 52.73% Demo registration, meaning it leans Democratic. There are 6 Demos in this primary, but for all practical purposes only 3 are serious: State Sen. Wadie Deddeh, former Congressman Jim Bates and San Diego Councilman Bob Filner. Some polling by the Bates campaign has Deddeh slightly ahead, followed closely by Bates, with Filner far back in 3rd. This is one of those contests where everyone is bashing one another -- Filner is accusing Deddeh of using State money in his campaign; Filner is being hit with a RECALL in the middle of his race; and Bates has a major OVERDRAFT problem, not to mention his past problems with allegations of sexual harassment by some members of this congressional staff. Both Filner and Bates are PRO-Choice, while Deddeh is on CARAL's "Enemies of Choice" dirty dozen list. CALPEEK sources agree

that Deddeh and Bates are leading for now, but think Filner has an outside shot at winning. Stay tuned...

CARAL TARGETS 12 AS "ENEMIES OF CHOICE."

The CA Abortion Rights Action League-PAC has targeted 12 candidates in the June 1992 election for defeat, branding them "Enemies of Choice." The list doesn't contain any huge surprises. Targeted are Pres. George Bush and his chief rival, Pat Buchanan; GOP U.S. Senate candidates Bruce Herschensohn and U.S. Rep. Bill Dannermeier; and 6 Calif. Assembly candidates and 2 House candidates. All the targets are Republican, EXCEPT for State Sen. Wadie Deddeh (D-Chula Vista), who is seeking an open congressional seat in San Diego...

...The other House target is U.S. Rep. Bob Dornan of Garden Grove. The 6 legislative targets on the CARAL "enemies list" are Barbara Alby, Bill Hoge, Curt Pringle, Connie Youngkin, Steve Baldwin and Dan Van Tiegheem -- the last 3 appeared in CALPEEK's Campaign '92 story...

...Lots of brave words by CARAL's Associate Director Robin Schneider, but she couldn't tell CALPEEK how much money was in PAC for these races. Probably not much. However, CARAL does have POSTERS of Deddeh and Pringle and plan to plaster them all over the their respective districts...

...NO, State Sen. David Roberti, a PRO-Life Demo running in the 20th S.D. special election against PRO-Choice GOPer Carol Rowen, is NOT on the hit list, but Schneider said Rowen is the "officially endorsed" CARAL candidate. Stay tuned...

NARAL'S MICHAELMAN AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

Kate Michaelman, president of the Nat'l Abortion Rights Action League, will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., May 15, Nikko Hotel, S.F. Her speech is called, "Who Decides? The 1990s: Decade of Choice in America." For info and RSVPs (415)597-6705...

CALPEEK'S CONSULTANTS DIRECTORY ON SALE.

The 1991-92 edition of CALPEEK's Directory of Campaign Consultants is now on sale. The cost is \$15 for subscribers and \$40 for non-subscribers. CA sales tax included. For info (310)659-0205...

U.S. SENATE CAMPAIGNS: FOUR WEEKS TO GO.

Editor's note: With just over a month to go before the June 2nd Calif. primary, here is CALPEEK's analysis of the GOP and Demo primary battles for the TWO U.S. Senate seats. FYI: As CALPEEK went to press the L.A. Times released its newest poll on the two contests. We'll include that, along with polling data from a San Diego Union-Tribune survey, which was released Apr. 28. Unlike the L.A. Times poll, the U-T poll phoned registered voters in San Diego Co., NOT Statewide...

2-Year Seat

...On the Republican side, most CALPEEK sources expect appointed U.S. Sen. John Seymour of Anaheim to win the primary against arch-rival U.S. Rep. Bill Dannemeyer of Fullerton. How much of a win is very difficult to predict because of these factors: the size of the CONSERVATIVE vote due to the presence of GOP presidential candidate Pat Buchanan on the Calif. ballot; and the amount of holdover anger directed at Seymour (and Gov. Pete Wilson) by GAY Republicans because of Wilson's veto of AB 101. If gay GOPers boycott Seymour, this primary could be close. As for Bill Allen, he drains conservative votes from Dannemeyer. The proof of that is shown in the San Diego Union-Tribune poll where both Allen and Dannemeyer get 13%. Seymour is a 32.9% in the U-T poll and gets 31% in the L.A. Times poll. There is still a large undecided in both surveys, 41% in the U-T data and 50% in the L.A. Times poll. CALPEEK rates this contest as Seymour's to win or lose...

...On the Demo side, CALPEEK insiders expect frontrunner Dianne Feinstein to win the primary against Controller Gray Davis, her main rival. The late entry of S.F. attorney Joe Alioto Jr. has NOT hurt DiFi, but in fact may have taken votes away from Davis. The GENDER GAP is very pronounced in this primary, with women in overwhelming support of DiFi. The U-T poll puts DiFi at 59.8%, with Davis at 21% and Alioto at a very low 3.1%. The L.A. Times puts DiFi at 57% and Davis at 29%. Is there any chance Davis can close the gap? Yes, if he goes negative. But there are risks. If he hits DiFi on her major FPPC problems, he could hurt himself in the future - either in 1993 (a run for L.A. Mayor) or in 1994 if he runs Statewide. Besides, he had a close

call in 1986 with some campaign problems of his own. Bottomline: advantage DiFi...

6-Year/Cranston Seat

...Republicans first. CALPEEK sources think the winner will be conservative Bruce Herschensohn in a VERY close contest with chief rival, U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell, the moderate lawmaker from Palo Alto. HOWEVER, the new L.A. Times poll shows Campbell has regained his lead over BH, 28% to 23%. Most all the other surveys have shown BH leading. The heavy TV campaign by Campbell is obviously having an impact. This primary is still up for grabs because we don't know the size or nature of the GOP primary vote. It tends to be more CONSERVATIVE. As for the third candidate, Sonny Bono, his numbers are beginning to slide downward and that's good news for Campbell because the former Palm Springs mayor is believed to hurt Campbell more than BH. Bono stands at 13%. Bottomline: this primary is too close to call...

...As for the Demos, this is the race to watch. The L.A. Times survey has a new frontrunner: U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer, with 26%, followed by Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy at 24% and U.S. Rep. Mel Levine with 21%, up from 5% in the last L.A. Times poll. The U-T survey on Levine is very close, putting the Santa Monica lawmaker at 20.5%. But the U-T poll still has LMc leading with 29% and Boxer in 2nd with 22.8%...

...What does all this mean? Boxer has a solid base of support and PERHAPS her message has been powerful enough to make voters forgive or forget about her bank overdraft problem. For McCarthy, the new data from the L.A. Times confirms what most insiders have been saying for months: his support is very wide, but VERY THIN. Nevertheless, LMc is a well-known political figure and has no congressional baggage...

...But it is Levine that most insiders are focused upon. Up until March 31, Levine was the STEALTH CANDIDATE, missing many votes in Washington while raising a huge war chest, which is now at work funding a massive TV campaign. And while Levine's TV spots may not be works of art, they have pulled him into the race. Bottomline: during the last 3 weeks of this primary, all 3 Demos will be on equal footing on the tube. CALPEEK rates this primary as a toss-up...

**JURY FINDS COPS NOT GUILTY IN KING CASE.
REINER'S POLITICAL CAREER IN BIG TROUBLE.**

Editor's note: Lots of folks are just in a daze after a Ventura County jury ACQUITTED the 4 L.A.P.D. officers accused of using excessive force in beating motorist Rodney King more than a year ago. Beyond the obvious, this trial WILL have an major impact upon Los Angeles County and City politics. Here is CALPEEK's analysis...

...Needless to say, L.A. Co. DA Ira Reiner was probably the MOST shocked of all when the jury's acquittal decision was announced. Many legal experts and many political insiders had expected the jury to find some of the officers guilty, particularly Officers Laurence Powell and Timothy Wind. There was mixed opinion on whether Sgt. Stacey Koon would be found guilty, and many "experts" thought Off. Theodore Briseno, who accused his fellow officers of being out of control, would get off...

...Back to Reiner. He's in the midst of a tough reelection campaign, seeking a 3rd term as L.A. Co.'s top prosecutor. Had the jury done what the "experts" expected (convicted 2/acquitted 2), then insiders felt Reiner would have been on safe ground. But with all 4 "walking," insiders now feel Reiner is in SERIOUS trouble...

...But it's not just the King Case. Reiner's unexpected loss in the 1990 Demo AG primary to S.F. DA Arlo Smith left Reiner politically wounded. That loss, part of which can be blamed on the failure of his prosecution team to win a conviction in the high profile McMartin Case, started the hemorrhaging effect. Now comes the King Case, where Reiner obviously thought he would be able to recoup losses. Instead, what the voters see is a DA's office which chokes on high profile cases...

...But Reiner isn't the only one who will be on the ballot on June 2nd. So will L.A. City Charter Amendment F, which revises the way L.A. City hires and fires the chief of police and sets term limits for the chief. It's not totally clear how this verdict will impact the final vote, but some observers think the jury verdict will galvanize's L.A.'s minority community like nothing else. It might also galvanize the San Fernando Valley, where support for the cops runs VERY HIGH...

...As CALPEEK readers who live in L.A. know, Chief Daryl Gates and the L.A. Police Protective League are AGAINST Amendment F. But the league's position on Amendment F was hammered in a recent L.A. Times column by Bill Boyarsky. If ever a column could damage a political campaign, this was it. Boyarsky cited 3 sources that said the league would SUPPORT Amendment F only if it got a hike in employee benefits. That does not make the LAPPL look like the good guys, especially with L.A. facing a huge budget deficit. Stay tuned...

HOW MANY VOTERS WILL CAST BALLOTS IN JUNE?

Editor's note: Here's a quick graphic to show Calif.'s PRIMARY VOTE TURNOUT over the past few decades. The "*" indicates a PRE-SIDENTIAL primary, along with other contests...

June 5, 1962	63.53%
* June 4, 1968	72.21%
* June 6, 1972	70.95%
June 8, 1982	52.73%
* June 5, 1984	48.65%
* June 7, 1988	48.16%
June 5, 1990	41.49%

...In the June 5, 1990, primary, 15% of the votes cast were by ABSENTEE BALLOTS...

L.A. CURRENT AFFAIRS FORUM SETS HERNANDEZ.

L.A. Councilman Mike Hernandez will address members of the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, May 14 at Lew Mitchell's Orient Express, L.A. For info, contact Emma Schafer (310)445-8862...

DIVIDING CALIF. TOPIC AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

The often controversial proposal to split Calif. into TWO separate States - North CA and Calif. - will be discussed at 4:45 p.m., May 12 at the Commonwealth Club of CA office. The two speakers are S.F. Co. Sup. Angela Alioto and Assemblyman Stan Statham (R-Redding). For info (415)597-6705...

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